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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIVACY POINTS OF CONTACT

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SUBJECT:

My Memorandum of July 5, 1983 on the Publication

Requirements of the Debt Collection Act

Several agencies have asked if they should publish payroll and travel systems of records as systems from which they intend to release debtor information pursuant to (b)(12) of the Privacy Act. We think that, at this time, identification of these kinds of systems would be appropriate and we encourage agencies to do so. Such identification will give agencies the option of using disclosure to credit bureaus as a tool to encourage, for example, repayment of travel advances by former Federal employees.

In another matter, following the enactment of the Debt Collection Act, the Federal Claims Collection Act (which the Debt Collection Act amended), was enacted into positive law. The effect was that some of its sections were renumbered. One such section contains the definition of a "consumer reporting agency." Accordingly, the (b)(12) notice example which my previous memorandum provided should be changed as follows:

"Disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12)

Disclosures may be made from this system to 'consumer reporting agencies' as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3))."

cc: Privacy Project Officers

